Poor Maintenance of old Goa Monuments

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa) : Madam, I would like to draw the attention of this august House to the poor state of monuments in Goa. Ever since the liberation of Goa, since 1961, the monuments in Goa are being maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India. These are very ancient monuments and old monuments dating back to 5th century. We have the churches and temples. All these are of wood architecture. I am not talking about the religious implications but the maintenance of these historic monuments. There are reports in the press that these monuments are not well maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India because they are not being supplied woood by the State Government and the State Government says that there is a ban on cutting of trees. Madam, the fight has come up in the open and there are reports in the press that these monuments may come down any moment. These monuments are maintained under the National Heritage Monuments Act. Again these monuments are listed for protection by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The Archaeological Survey of India wanted only *matti* and wood worth Rs. 50,000. They are not being supplied by the State Government. This wood is available in the open market. They can procure this wood in auction or they can import this wood. At the moment, this timber is imported. These churches and temples have wooden roofing with *matti* tiles. If these monuments are not properly maintained, they will come down in a heavy rain.

I would request the hon. Minister for Human Resource Development to see that a Committee is appointed to go into the maintan ance of these monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India and to see that these monuments are maintained at all costs.

THE INDIAN PORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam I move :

That the following amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Indian Ports (Amendment) Bill, 1992, be taken into consideration, namely :—

Enacting Formula

1. Page 1, line 1,—
for "Forty-second" *substitute* "Forty-third"

Clause—1

2. Page 1, line 4,—
for "1991" *substitute* "1992"

Madam, this Bill has already been passed in the Rajya Sabha in 1991 and in Lok Sabha in July 1992. This is just an amendment which is going to be called "Forty-third" instead of "Forty-second" because when it was considered and passed in the Rajya Sabha it was "Forty-second".

So, I beg to move that the amendment made in the Bill be taken into consideration.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Madam, I move :

That the amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to.

The question was put and the mation was adopted